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1. INTRODUCTION

For more than 10 years, the National Weather Service has provided its field forecasters and various other users of weather information with objective weather guidance based on the Model Output Statistics (MOS) technique. Surface wind (direction and speed) for several stations in the eastern United States was the first weather element for which MOS forecasts were provided on an operational basis. This guidance, first issued in 1968, relied primarily on output from the Techniques Development Laboratory's (TDL's) Subsynoptic Advection Model (SAM). Later, probability of precipitation and precipitation type forecasts were added to the SAM guidance package. In 1972, probability of precipitation guidance based on output from the National Meteorological Center's six-layer coarse mesh Primitive Equation (PE) model was provided for many locations throughout the conterminous United States. Later, as indicated in Table 1, many other elements were added, and the Limited-area Fine Mesh (LFM) model became the main source of input for the MOS prediction equations.

Table 1. Approximate month and year of operational implementation for various types of MOS guidance for locations throughout the conterminous United States.

Weather Element	PE-based Guidance	LFM-based Guidance		
Probability of Precipitation	January 1972	February 1976		
Precipitation Amount	October 1977	October 1977		
Precipitation Type	November 1972	February 1976		
Snow Amount		October 1977		
Thunderstorm/Severe Local Stor	ms			
Short-range		April 1974		
Medium-range	May 1973	April 1978		
Maximum/Minimum Temperature	August 1973	February 1976		
3-hourly Temperature		June 1978		
3-hourly Dew Point		April 1980		
Surface Wind	May 1973	February 1976		
Cloud Amount	December 1974	February 1976		
Ceiling/Visibility	October 1974	February 1976		
Obstructions to Vision		April 1980		

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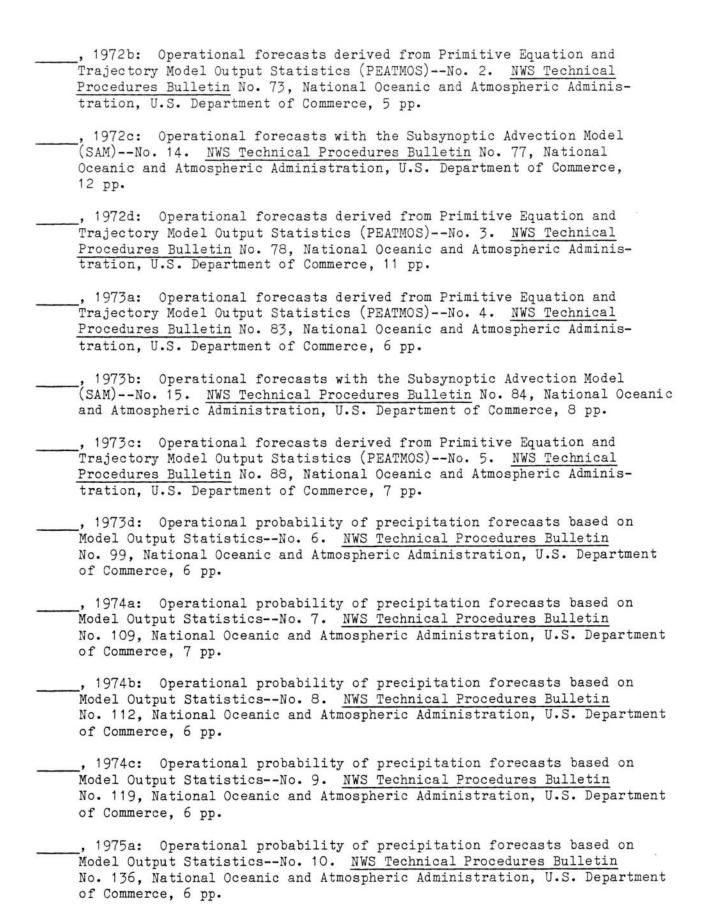
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